IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for construction of an optical beam guidance system in a contamination-free atmosphere by fitting with optical imaging elements, characterized in that

- said imaging element is fixed at its optical axis outside of said contamination-free atmosphere of said beam guidance system, protected from atmospheric influences, in relation to a first reference of a carrier oriented to said carrier, and
- in that said carrier together with said imaging element, protected from atmospheric influences, is brought into said contamination-free atmosphere of said beam guidance system, and, with said first reference oriented to a second reference of a receiving element, is attached to said receiving element, whereby the optical axis of said imaging element is oriented in said beam guidance system.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the orientation of said optical axis of said imaging element occurs using an alignment template.

3. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method in accordance with claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein cleaning/decontamination of said imaging element and said carrier is performed outside of said contamination-free atmosphere of said optical beam guidance system.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Universal~~ An universal optics module with a carrier plate [[(1)]] for receiving at least one optical imaging element [[(2)]] in a receiving plane (E-E), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said carrier plate [[(1)]] carries said optical imaging element [[(2)]] at its optical axis oriented to one axis (X-X) with a pre-specified axial direction and said axis (X-X) has a fixed physical arrangement to a reference joined to said carrier plate [[(1)]], with which said carrier plate [[(1)]] can be positioned.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Optics~~ An optics module in accordance with claim 4, characterized in that said axis (X-X) runs perpendicular to said receiving plane (E-E) and seating surfaces ~~(4, 5, 6)~~ are worked into said carrier plate [[(1)]] as references that concentrically enclose said axis (X-X) in a common plane (B-B) that is parallel to said receiving plane (E-E).

6. (Currently amended) ~~Optics~~ An optics module in accordance with claim 5, characterized in that said seating surfaces ~~(4, 5, 6)~~ are sunk into said carrier plate [[(1)]] in a triangular formation.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Optics~~ An optics module in accordance with ~~any of claims~~ claim 4 ~~through 6, characterized in that~~ wherein for aligning said optical imaging element [[(2)]], said carrier plate [[(1)]] contains at least one adjusting element [[(14, 15)]] that engages an adjustable stop [[(16)]] torsion-free on said optical imaging element [[(2)]].

8. (Currently amended) ~~Optics~~ An optics module in accordance with claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said adjustable stop [[(16)]] is attached to a lever arm [[(17)]] of a solid lever [[(18)]] that is adjustable relative to a fixed part [[(19)]] using an adjusting spindle [[(21)]] that engages said lever arm [[(17)]].

9. (Currently amended) ~~Optics~~ An optics module in accordance with claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said adjusting spindle [[(21)]] is pre-stressed and arrested by a compression spring [[(20)]] that is supported on said lever arm [[(17)]] and on a clamping sleeve [[(22)]] that is attached in a spindle bearing [[(23)]] in said fixed part [[(19)]].

10. (Currently amended) ~~Optics~~ An optics ~~carrier~~ module in accordance with claim 9, characterized in that said adjusting spindle [[(21)]] and a fine-pitch thread for engaging said lever arm [[(17)]] are provided with a special coating that minimizes friction.

11. (Currently amended) ~~Optics~~ An optics module carrier in accordance with ~~any of claims 4 through 10~~ claim 4, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said optical imaging element [[(2)]] can be displaced parallel to said receiving plane (E-E) of said carrier plate [[(1)]] as required for alignment.